



## Billie Ray Wiles

November 24, 1930 - July 28, 2015

Billie Ray Wiles

1930-2015

Beloved Husband, Father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather and Friend to many went home to join the our Heavenly Father. After a long career as an electrical engineer and a passionate, insatiable love of electronics, cameras, microscopes and amateur radio, he has found peace and comfort with Our Lord and Savior. He proudly served our country during the Korean War as a member of the United States Navy and his proudest career accomplishment was working on the positioning controls that guided the landing of lunar modules on the moon. Despite the challenges of recent years, he never lost his wacky, zany and amazing sense of humor finding joy in making others smile and laugh.

Left to celebrate, honor and cherish his life are his wife of almost 57 years, Joan, son, Lance, daughter, Dawn and 6 grand children, Lauren, Cameron, Tiffanie, Brandon, Blaine and Ryan 2 great grand children, Felicity and Heidi and sister Janet.

A graveside celebration will be held at 10:00am at Davis Greenlawn, 3900 BF Terry Blvd, Rosenberg, TX on Monday, August 3, 2015.

# Tribute Wall

DL

“ *Dawn Laseter lit a candle in memory of Billie Ray Wiles*



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**Dawn Laseter** - November 26, 2019 at 01:17 AM

DL

“ *Happy Birthday Daddy..... this year you are not alone!!! I hope you and Mom are happily celebrating . I miss Mom, but I know she is very happy to be with you now.*

*I know how happy you are that she is there. Now you get to play jokes on her again.*

*I miss your voice.....love you. Dawn*

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**Dawn Laseter** - November 26, 2019 at 01:13 AM

LW

“ Hi Dad -Today was hard - mom didn't do so well. She misses you so much, everything about you. I always dreaded special events, it seems with the way our family was, a birthday, anniversary or holiday was marked by some other event - however 7/28 is all yours and anymore, I am unsure of what 8/8 is except this would have been 58 - to some extent I guess it still is. Only one more potentially hard time to go- but this one is probably the hardest - such fond memories of this upcoming date. We miss you. There is a song that says you never know what you have or had til it's gone - now, I understand that. I thought I understood with Courtney and Kris, but I didn't. Now I understand so much. See so much and realize how right you are. I love you dad and I miss you terribly - it never lets up - doesn't get any easier and I certainly have no better understanding now that I did, except for that one piece that was missing over the last 4 years. All my love -Lance

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**Lance Wiles** - August 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *HAPPY FATHERS DAY DAD! On this Fathers Day I find myself heavy in heart, and missing you. I still cannot believe but am accepting to the best of my ability the knowledge that you are gardening in the great fields, pastures and fertile grounds of Heaven. I bet the veggies are growing bigger and better and am certain that you are sharing your life with others, helping, giving guidance and fitting in real well. I am certain you are catching up with MiMi and glad to be with her again. I know at least 2 of your 4 grandkids are remembering you today and at least 1 of your offspring misses you like crazy. I love you dad. I miss you more than ever. One thing I always made sure of is that you never spent any Fathers Day alone, or at least not without a visit from me when I was in the same town. I cherish that menu you wrote on last year documenting who was with you and who was so obviously and blatantly absent. I love you dad. Even though I will spend the day alone, I know you are with me in my heart and throughout all the day. I miss you. All my love - Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - July 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“Hi Dad -1 Year. Hard to believe. I was so upset on Father's Day; put in a post and somehow it got lost. It is not any easier today that yesterday - hard to believe that you have settled into the place in Heaven. I would be lying if I said that this did not rock my world in a cray weird way. It has rocked the core, made me reassess things, re-evaluate the importance of things and determine what is worth "worry" and what is just to be accepted. 2 of your grandkids remember you often and comment on you. From there a few friends still stay in touch. What terrifies me is how quickly things changed and we are where we are. God has used this as a time to reflect and determine what our role is I this life. What is important about legacies and what is not. I am so grateful for the days I was able to spend with you everyday all day at the hospital. I am still hoping for some kind of sign or assurance from you. But I am getting by the best I can, picking up the remaining pieces. I feel like I have to do as you did at CPBC, in the background you are always the one to help restore things to the way they were or fix things that are broken and I am still doing that. I hope as you look down on mom and me that you are seeing what you want to see even though I know you are not happy about my loneliness and struggle and I also know you are still worried about my health. But you are closer now to God than I am, I mean you are there with Him, so talk to Him about that, I am sure he will at the very least assure you that everything is going to be ok. Know that you are loved very much. Missed deeply and that a day does not pass that I do not look back at those 14 days and wonder of we made all the right choices, but more importantly, the 5 years earlier should have been lived differently and more should have been done. I love you dad - losing you hurts so much. But forever you are in my heart and my DNA. I miss you so much!

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**Lance Wiles** - July 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ hey dad -

*I am really scared right now. Can you let me know I am ok?*

*This hasn't happened since June 11, but I gotta get through it. I can make it right? I'm ok right?*

*I hope you weren't scared. That feeling is terrible. I am so sorry I let you down.*

*Miss you so much!!!!!!!!!!!!!!*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ hey dad

*I'm so scared. I am going to be ok right? Can you let me know I am going to be ok?*

*I'm so sorry I let you down and get away. Were you scared? I hope not. I have been scared so much and I wish you never felt in those 13 days how most of my adult life has been.*

*This hasn't happened since June 11 but it is happening now. I have learned the hungry but don't feel like eating trick from you, but things just come back up.*

*I miss you so much and trying to be strong for everyone. Just like you, but like you, there has to be a time for calm.*

*I love you dad.*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Hey dad

*What a day. I hope you didn't see it all but it was rough.*

*Anyway calling it a night. Getting some help next week so it should get better.*

*I love you*

*Lance ;|*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Hi Dad

*Well today was a better day, calmer, and so far going ok.*

*What is it like? Have you seen the family yet? I have tried to grasp the mortal understanding of what we know, but our minds cannot conceive.*

*Anyway, getting mom taken care of for her favorite annoying past time. But she wants and needs it to feel closer to you; the warmth of your grin.*

*I love you.....*

*But truly, I miss you so much more each day.*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Hey Dad

*Well everything has fallen into place. I figured out what. I pulled one of your tricks - forgot to take my meds.*

*So no wonder I felt so crummy. Glad you showed me. But I promise to be a good boy and make sure I don't do that again.*

*Well it has be rough - 1 month. Still can't feel the norm of daily life, but when you love and miss someone so much, it is to be expected.*

*Good night dad; miss kissing you at night, miss your voice.*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Dad!

*You and both know better than to say things are falling into place - cuz that proverbial other shoe shows up, and it did today.*

*But I got it. You and God got me so it's all good.*

*Will be glad when the mechanicality changes, but then again not too sure about that cuz then it is full on.*

*Missing you*

*Love,  
Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Dad

*Well another day. Lost in the loss of losing you....*

*Did God hear my prayer?*

*Love you much!*

*Miss you completely; please don't go*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Hey Dad

*I wonder if Monday's ever seemed long to you. Lately they have been for me. But so many reasons. Why do they call it Labor Day when it is a holiday?*

*Miss you so much!!*

*All my love,  
Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ hi dad,

*Today really sucked. I'm sorry but I I just do not know how much longer under this circumstance continue to live my life for everyone but me. Serving everyone else while I crumbled. I soo need to hear your voice, feel you skin, even the cough that you always assured us was normal, not unusual.*

*Miss you so much my life giver.*

*I love you sir*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *i wish I could know your wisdom and thoughts. So much to be decided.*

*Plate is full or too small?*

*I love you*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *Still hard to believe. I am just mechanical, bouncing through each day.*

*I miss you dad!*

*Lance :*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *today has been raw, unguarded break through. This is real. I always look at you as invincible, superman. But wow. This is real; I don't like how this feels.*

*As you could not already tell. I miss you.*

*All my love*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *give me strength to endure the challenges, not to break only to falter. To keep going in spite of it all*

*Miss you like crazy!*

*All my love*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ is it appropriate to ask you to pray for me?

*You are already there but as you can see I need help.*

*Miss you so much!*

*All my love*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ i love you dad. Wish you were here for this - the first holiday.

*Miss you so much*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ well, holidays are definitely not the same any more. But, a new norm, new cherished memories.

*I love you, missing you like crazy. Thanks for helping me fix the fountain.*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ hey dad

*Well another Tuesday. I don't like Tuesday's anymore.*

*But in time, it will be ok.*

*I sure miss you, more than I thought I ever would.*

*I love you*

*See you in my dreams.*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Hey Dad

*I think it's all going to be ok. But I think the jury is out still.*

*Love you!*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ hey Dad

*Surreal. Waiting for you to come home. Like that red little car and the hotel....*

*Miss you!!!!*

*This hurts so bad, words we never said. Things we should have done*

*All my love  
Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Hey Dad

*Thanks so much for helping me work on the car, the reflection is much better.*

*I love you so much..*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ i can only say I am overwhelmed today

*I miss you*

*All my love*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ reminders every where....pastor mentioned how much he loves liver and onions, ah, glad for those special reminders.

*Love you!!*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ i don't know how you did this for so many years, but I keep going forward honoring you.

*I was reminded of The Red Barn today. Maybe I will pick that up again...but time, however we make time for the things that deserve it.*

*Miss you*

*I love you dad*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *if time heals, what does that really mean? Hope? Comfort? Calm?*

*As I heard last week, do I really believe that what I believe is real?*

*I know I miss you. I know I love you so, yes. But what about everything else?*

*I don't know how much longer I can hold it together.*

*Ugh!&#240;&#159;&#152;&#146;*

*Love you*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *Miss you*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *Hope for things lost, things to come; but without purpose. It is nothing.*

*Love you*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *Hey dad*

*This is just a bad dream right?*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

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*Still cannot believe or accept*

*I miss everything about you*

*All my love*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *Dad, nothing is the same. Without you, I am lost.*

*Love you*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *Things seem to be crumbling all around.*

*I need you, I need God.*

*I miss hearing your voice and peanut butter*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *Hoping for tomorrow because today is a memory*

*Love you*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *Hey dad*

*Just so you don't worry, I am getting my flu shot.*

*I miss you*

*Lance &#240;&#159;&#152;&#162;*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *.....help me make it through the night*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ So now I am collecting pins and memorabilia relating to the 1950-53 era. Very hard to find, but am getting what I can.

*Sure could use your wisdom right now.*

*I love and miss you so much!*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Hi dad

*What an awesome sermon. I pray that deep down you have that faith.*

*I miss you*

*All my love*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Hey Dad -

*I am so tired..super long day. On the phone all day working through an issue...I know how much you did not like these days.*

*Miss you..*

*Would love to hear your voice...*

*Love you...*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ How do I make my plate bigger?

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Help.....cratering quickly.

*Miss you*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *Please dad. Just give me a sign*

*I miss you*

*All my love*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *Made it through the week.*

*Pray for my weekend. Glad you are not worrying about things here*

*Miss and love you*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *Hey dad*

*I was able to breath and think about what a wonderful person you are.*

*Hand of God, pt4*

*Miss you*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *I love you. Why was it time? Did I not do enough?*

*Miss you*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *Rough day. Need space desperately. Need better mood.*

*Miss you so much dad*

*Love you*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *Gotta shake this funk*

*Miss you so much*

*All my love*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Hey dad

*A lot of people are praying. A lot needs to change*

*I miss you!*

*All my love*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ ....we are almost there. One prayer at a time.

*Missing you so. The pain is so deep.*

*Love you*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Rub a dub close call in the tub

*Love ya much*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Hey Dad

*Big weekend! But why do things have to be so hard?*

*I miss you*

*All my love*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ I soooooo feel like I am losing it

*I love you*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Memories are all we have when the pictures are gone

*I miss you*

*All my love*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Dear God  
Dear Dad

*I need help.  
Miss you*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Big day dad!! Wish you could have been there. You are sorely missed.

*I love you*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ The ring I wear reminds me of you. So aside from giving me life, also have you on my hand.

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *Miss you like crazy*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *It's all so complicated. Dang I miss you!*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *Seeking strength in the storm*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *It gets easier right?*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *Dad, I am so sorry for your loss, consider it gain and no more pain.*

*I miss you*

*All my love*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *Miss you*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *Another Sunday, with thoughts of you and knowing I failed you in the end.*

*I so so miss you*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *I miss you dad.*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *Happy Birthday Dad.*

*I sit and think of all the new firsts that we are faced with now. First anniversary, first birthday, the thought of all these firsts and what has become the new normal is harder than expected. No one could prepare, even as we watched others through the years.*

*I just wish I had known then what I know now what was missing to help you over the last ~5 years that could have helped. And finally, yesterday I got to see what you saw.*

*I miss you so much. Until I get there, keep things warm for me.*

*I love you Dad*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Christmas 2015 - Kept waiting for you walk through the door, hear your laugh, listen to your humor and enjoy time with you and mom. But instead, it was a bit awkward, kinda quiet and definitely missing the most important person, you.

*The reality of the finality has definitely hit, one more special day to endure without you and then a new year, new hopes, new challenges and missing you more and more.*

*The more I grieve the more that I know how much I love you. How deep that love goes and how many times I missed the opportunity to show it.*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Veterans Day.....A special pause for those who served.....a special pause for you.  
*I miss u*

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**Dawn** - November 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Hey Dad

*Boy oh boy I am tired. Thanks for jumping in on those last few mile - kinda scared me, but we did it.*

*Keep the dreams coming. I miss you*

*Love,  
Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - August 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ hey dad

*Rare work day. But that is part of being a team, taking care of each other, something I realized I failed you on. But going to try and do my best with mom.*

*Long day, little sleep too much to do and just not enough hours in the day. But it is all good. I dread Friday, but I know you got my back and heart and God has it all first anyway.*

*Good night. See you in my dreams agin?*

*I love you and miss you.*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - August 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Dad -

*There can never be enough words to express all the positives that you have made in my life. While each day presents its challenges, I am assured by your example that it just does not really matter much, except to live life, makes others smile and have a compassionate heart; even when that compassion is killing me on the inside.*

*See ya soon...*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - August 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Dad -

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*See ya soon...*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - August 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Dad -

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*Lance*

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*See ya soon...*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - August 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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*See ya soon...*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - August 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ ..how long do I suffer before I am there?

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**Lance Wiles** - August 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ I miss you. The grief is incredible

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - August 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Hi Dad

*Sure wish I could call you or you'd call me. I miss you like crazy!!!*

*Hope to see you in my dreams.*

*I love you*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - August 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Hey Dad -

*WOW what a day! As you saw I moved some of your things, things you touched last, used last and such. When the glasses fell out of the chair, you saw me. My heart jumped started racing, almost got to your rate on 7/14, but not quite.*

*It is so hard.....WHY? WHY? WHY NOW?*

*This should have never happened!*

*I miss you so much. Thanks for the dream last night, but as you know it was a rough night.*

*I love you!*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - August 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Dad,

*Did you see that woman ahead of me today? She not only had on the A&M shirt, but on the back of it it said 11-24-10, that is an awesome day for us!!! I guess despite how we might feel, there are no accidental encounters.*

*I am beat! Long day as you know, appreciate you hanging with me.*

*Good night!*

*I love you.*

*I miss you.*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - August 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Hey Dad

*Another day. Gotta just take it a day at a time. Not looking forward too much. Looking back on all the should have could have and would have.*

*This is so hard! I miss you so much.*

*Let me know you're ok. I need to see you. Hug you. Hold you.*

*All my love*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - August 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Hey Dad -

*Sure miss your voice, yesterday was rough, but got through it. Today -I am not so sure of. Asking God for only the strength he can give in times loike these, because without Him I am nothing.*

*But I am finding without you, I am alot more lost, more confused and definately, like the ship that is just floating in the ocean, with a broken engine. Drifting to a point where stable ground is found again.*

*I need you dad so much!*

*All my love...*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - August 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Big day today.

*Facing it with much anxiety, but what needs to be done had to be done. I hope all goes well. Going to be strong for mom and of course try to make her laugh and smile.*

*If we could just go back a month 1 perhaps I could have seen all this, changed it. Made it different. But in the end, it isn't up to us a God holds the perfect plans for our life.*

*I look to Him and you to guide me and the next steps.*

*I love you....Lance :*

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**Lance Wiles** - August 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Hey Dad

*I am so glad that you are looking at me while I work. It helps me remember the work ethic you instilled in me. Work hard and love your work and it will love you back.*

*I have a new appreciation for all those things I watched you do. Now if I could find time for hobbies like you did - part of the legacy we have from you.*

*I love you and miss you. Today is a rough day and going to be a rough weekend.*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - August 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Hey there Dad!

*Well it is another day. I still seem to have this strange sense of surrealism that even a word? that this did not happen.*

*But the truth of the matter it did and what is worse is this is final...there is no chance of reversing the change.*

*I am mechanically going through the motions; my schedule right now I am sure is driving you crazy, but it helps me get through the days and the daze.*

*But it is going to be a rough weekend. I dread it, but the time has come.*

*Anyway, I love you, I miss you and I know that we will see each other again.*

*Lance.. :*

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**Lance Wiles** - August 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Hi Dad...

*Someone shared this with me yesterday, it says things so well... I wish I could say you get used to people dying. But I never did. I don't want to. It tears a hole through me whenever somebody I love dies, no matter the circumstances. But I don't want it to "not matter". I don't want it to be something that just passes. My scars are a testament to the love and the relationship that I had for and with that person. And if the scar is deep, so was the love. So be it. Scars are a testament to life. Scars are a testament that I can love deeply and live deeply and be cut, or even gouged, and that I can heal and continue to live and continue to love. And the scar tissue is stronger than the original flesh ever was. Scars are a testament to life. Scars are only ugly to people who can't see. As for grief, you'll find it comes in waves. When the ship is first wrecked, you're drowning, with wreckage all around you. Everything floating around you reminds you of the beauty and the magnificence of the ship that was, and is no more. And all you can do is float. You find some piece of the wreckage and you hang on for a while. Maybe it's some physical thing. Maybe it's a happy memory or a photograph. Maybe it's a person who is also floating. For a while, all you can do is float. Stay alive. In the beginning, the waves are 100 feet tall and crash over you without mercy. They come 10 seconds apart and don't even give you time to catch your breath. All you can do is hang on and float. After a while, maybe weeks, maybe months, you'll find the waves are still 100 feet tall, but they come further apart. When they come, they still crash all over you and wipe you out. But in between, you can breathe, you can function. You never know what's going to trigger the grief. It might be a song, a picture, a street intersection, the smell of a cup of coffee. It can be just about anything...and the wave comes crashing. But in between waves, there is life.*

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**Lance Wiles** - August 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Somewhere down the line, and it's different for everybody, you find that the waves are only 80 feet tall. Or 50 feet tall. And while they still come, they come further apart. You can see them coming. An anniversary, a birthday, or Christmas, or landing at O'Hare. You can see it coming, for the most part, and prepare yourself. And when it washes over you, you know that somehow you will, again, come out the other side. Soaking wet, sputtering, still hanging on to some tiny piece of the wreckage, but you'll come out.

*Take it from an old guy. The waves never stop coming, and somehow you don't really want them to. But you learn that you'll survive them. And other waves will come. And you'll survive them too.*

*If you're lucky, you'll have lots of scars from lots of loves. And lots of shipwrecks.*

*I cherish every scar, every ship wreck, everything...*

*I love you and miss you! So much!*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - August 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Hey Dad -

*Finding words are so hard to express what am I feeling. But each day is getting harder and harder...today is 2 weeks. I can't believe 2 weeks, Friday is a month. I am so overwhelmed. I am trying the best I can.*

*The differences that are necessary in my life and health are beginning to come together. But still a long way to go. But I am getting there. I miss you...I looked at the call logs and cherish every single call I have on my caller ID...missing your emails.*

*I am still leaning on your wisdom, example and lessons to guide the way that I go forward, but everything is done to honor your life and legacy.*

*I look back and wish we had said more I love you's, had more hugs, had more kisses. But yesterday is a memory, today is the present that God has given us and tomorrow is not guaranteed.*

*I am still trying to figure out if that was you telling me not to worry about crossing the street anymore. Don't look both ways, just keep your eyes straight ahead on the destination...that truck could have hurt me real bad.*

*Anyway, I ramble which I think that I have a trademark on.*

*Thinking of you often, missing you always, loving you forever!*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - August 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Good Morning Dad....a week. Almost a week, and almost 2 since.

*I keep thinking this is just a really bad dream and I will wake up, but I have to sleep before I can wake up. Please wake up now. I feel such an emptiness, the phone, the emails, the time; the talks, the meals...all of it.*

*Rough day today. Just missing you like crazy. We never know what we have until it is gone. But I always have you and you always have me.*

*I love you soooooooooo much!*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - August 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Dad,  
*Are you still sleeping with one eye open.....I'm just wondering...that was always a great pun for Mom :*

*Lv u,  
dawn*

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**Dawn Laseter** - August 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DL

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**Dawn Laseter** - August 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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Love you, Dad

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**Dawn Laseter** - August 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Good morning Dad...

*Well getting ready to go to church, the same one that you were going to go to Men's Bible study at with me that we talked about. They have been great to us. You will love these folks, because they act and do like we were used to at CPBC.*

*Anyway, a little freaked this morning about that dream last night...what did you mean exactly when you said "Hurry up, I am waiting in the car across the street?" So I am trying to figure that out as well as when you told me you want me to come with you and mom to Catalina Island.*

*Anyway, getting ready to get to church. Been several weeks so I will be glad to get back. Wish you felt like going with me today - I think you will enjoy it; but I know you will be there.*

*I love you!*

*Missing you...my grief / mourning is insurmountable...wish you would make my phone ring!*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - August 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Good Morning Dad!

*So I w your expectationsoke up with a crazy thought or question.  
What were you doing at this time bac in 1958?*

*Were you nervous? Were you calm? What were all the feelings you  
were having 12 hours before the big time?*

*What were your dreams? Your hopes?*

*Thinking back...how many of those dreams and hopes came  
through in a way that exceeded your expectations? Looking back for  
me, there are so many things that exceeded what I expected in the  
years following.*

*Regardless of what you think - You are my hero!*

*I am missing you more each day, as the grief and loss becomes  
more real. Normal, what ever we, whatever I thought it was has  
changed. IZ find more anger as each day goes by, not at you, but at  
the result. You are definately right - the system is broken and seems  
more so each day.*

*Did you see the Republican debate - oh wow....I know you see what  
is happening. Man it really is getting crazy.*

*But by god's grace and mercy, America will be great again.*

*I love you dad...Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - August 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Good Morning Dad.....

*Well we got some sleep last night, finally. I know I am supposed to be quiet about things, but today I have appointments with the very people that make you the most uncomfortable. But I promise that there is nothing to worry about in all this. These folks are here to help you and mom and I promise that is all that this is about, getting what you asked me to do done.*

*Thanks for the great times we are having in the quiet times, even though things are a little chaotic and seems like there is no end to the drama, but you know I am going to be strong and make sure you are protected and that mom is taken care of.*

*Well, getting ready to go to work and get Friday done the best I can, all things considered. I don't know that I have the strength and it is not fair to you to ask you for the strength I lack. But, I cannot keep going on without knowing that you are ok with the steps I take, but I promise, you and mom are first and that is most important to me.*

*I don't want to make this too hard on you, but this is so hard! Can you give me a call sometime today, just a quick one.*

*Meeting with the Chief Medical Officer, they are concerned about the diagnosis as he is saying that things are not adding up. But don't worry, I will handle it and make sure you get the help you need.*

*Well, I owe, I owe so off to work I go.*

*I love you; I miss you and I know we will be OK, God has promised that and continues to give me assurances on that.*

*Did you see that Republican Primary Debate last night. Wow what a ride right? Let me know what you thought.*

*I love you!  
Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - August 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *Hey dad.....*

*You would have hated Windows 10!!!! Little bit oaf a learning curve, but glad you haven't upgraded yet!*

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**Lance Wiles** - August 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *Good Morning Dad...*

*Well another rough night of sleep. But the days go on as hard as it is without you. We are hanging in there and hanging together so that is the good part, the bad part is that I am missing your 2PM and 8PM phone calls, but have a few voice mails from you I am holding on to so I can hear your voice.*

*When you can, let me know you are settling in ok, hope the fan they have is awesome and amazing! I bet the Internet is fast! LOL...*

*Well back to work I go. Thanks for spending these days with me! I know it is hard being apart...but I will be there real soon.*

*I LOVE YOU SOOOO MUCH!*

*Lance*

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**Lance Wiles** - August 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ Hey Dad....today it seems so much harder than the last few. You know I was up with you again at 4:00am; what was that that we were doing? I am still trying to figure that out. Mom says hi and wants you to know she loves you so much!

*Don't worry about the mess I am cleaning up right now, I got it just like you wanted me to. Just going to take some time, but you know I will get it all right.*

*Will you let me know what you want me to do about the things we talked about his morning please, we got sidetracked, but I will get it done.*

***I AM MISSING YOU SO MUCH! I LOVE YOU!***

*-Lance*

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**Lance** - August 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Dad,  
*There is a void here that will be hard to fill. Almost too peaceful and silent. Our spirits will forever be entwined. For I am blessed by our moments together we shared and the love that was always there no matter what. Hold onto my hug .....its from all of us.*

*Love you Dad*

*dawn*

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**Dawn Laseter** - August 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Dad - I miss you so much! I love you so much!!! This is so hard without you! But we are going to be OK by the strength of God and the strength that we have from you watching us as only you can. Losing you has truly been the hardest thing I have ever imagined. Take good care of Tiger and Sandy and the other critters we had during our time here. My heart is so heavy and while God felt it was time, I was so not ready, too soon. I LOVE YOU DAD!!! I LOVE YOU!  
I MISS YOU! I ALWAYS NEED YOU and am proud to have you as my Dad! See you very soon! - Lance

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**Lance Wiles** - August 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ MISS YOU LIKE CRAZY!

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**Lance Wiles** - August 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LW

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**Lance Wiles** - August 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM